

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. **(currently amended):** Welt for positioning between adjoining components, in particular components used in the automobile industry, comprising:
 - a welt core, and
 - a decorative material substantially covering said welt core;
 - a welt flap laterally protruding from within said welt core and having opposing ends, wherein the welt flap comprises at least one fastening element integrally formed therewith and projecting therefrom, and
 - wherein the decorative material is one of mesh fabric, synthetic or genuine leather, and another textile fabric.
2. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 1, wherein the fastening element protrudes laterally from the welt flap.
3. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt has a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, the welt core is formed elongate along the transverse axis

of the welt and the fastening element protrudes laterally in the longitudinal direction of the welt flap.

4. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 1, wherein the fastening element is a first fastening element between a welt core end and a free end of the welt flap.

5. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 1, wherein the at least one fastening element is a first fastening element and the welt further comprises a second fastening element at a free end of the welt flap.

6. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 5, wherein the first and second fastening elements are arranged on the opposing ends of the welt flap.

7. **(currently amended):** Welt according to claim ~~4~~5, wherein the first and second fastening elements are rod-shaped.

8. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 5, wherein the first fastening element extends in the direction of the welt-core end of the welt flap and the second fastening element extends to the free end of the welt flap.

9. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 7, wherein the angle between the rod-shaped first and/or second fastening element and the welt flap is 42°.

10. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 5, wherein the distance between the welt-flap ends of the first and second fastening elements along the welt flap is substantially one third of the entire length of the welt flap.

11. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 1, wherein the fastening element is a first fastening element formed at the free end of the welt flap and has an anchor-shape to form an anchor tip.

12. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 11, wherein the anchor tip of the fastening element lies in a plane parallel to the longitudinal axis of the welt core.

13. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 1, wherein the fastening element is a first fastening element formed at a free end of the welt flap in a Christmas-tree shape.

14. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 13, wherein the branches of the Christmas-tree shaped first fastening element extend to the welt core end of the welt flap and lie in a plane parallel to the longitudinal axis of the welt core.

15. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 11, wherein in the area of the welt core end of the welt flap, there is a rod-shaped second fastening element protruding substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the welt flap at opposing peripheral ends of the welt flap.

16. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 5, wherein the first and/or second fastening element is provided with recesses in the longitudinal direction of the welt.

17. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 5, wherein the distance between adjoining first and/or second fastening elements in the longitudinal direction is substantially equal to the length of the first and/or second fastening element in the longitudinal direction of the welt.

18. (currently amended) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the fastening element is cylindrical ~~with a recess therein~~.

19. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt core has a circular section.

20. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt flap has a rod-shaped section.

21. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the fastening element is a recess on the welt flap.

22. (currently amended) Welt according to claim 21, wherein the recess ~~is annular~~extends around a periphery of said welt flap in a 360 degree angle.

23. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 21, wherein the recess is in the interior of the welt flap and the recess is bottle-head shaped.

24. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt core is made of rubber.

25. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt flap is made of weldable polypropylene.

26 and 27: Cancelled.

28. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt flap extends beyond the decorative material.
29. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 1, wherein the decorative material terminates flush with the fastening element.
30. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt core and the welt flap are formed in one piece.
31. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 1, wherein the rigidity of the welt flap is greater than the rigidity of the welt core.
32. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt forms a complete ring.
33. **Cancelled.**
34. **(previously presented):** Welt according to claim 32, wherein the welt flap comprises a first fastening element operatively connected with a second fastening element that may be coupled to the welt flap.

35. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 32, wherein the second fastening element is a metal clip.

36. (previously presented): Welt for positioning between adjoining components, in particular components used in the automobile industry, comprising:

- a welt core, and

- a laterally protruding welt flap,

wherein the welt flap comprises at least one fastening element integrally formed therewith;

wherein the fastening element is a first fastening element formed at the free end of the welt flap; and

wherein in the area of the welt core end of the welt flap, there is a rod-shaped second fastening element protruding substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the welt flap at opposing peripheral ends of the welt flap.

37. (previously presented): Welt for positioning between adjoining components, in particular components used in the automobile industry, comprising:

- a welt core, and

- a laterally protruding welt flap,

wherein the welt flap comprises at least one fastening element integrally formed therewith;

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wherein fastening element is a recess on the welt flap located in the interior of the welt flap, the recess having a bottle-head shape.